

PATENT  
Customer No. 68,540  
Attorney Docket No. 832\_001 DIV3 (OLD)  
Attorney Docket No. 1002.0043-03000 (NEW)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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James F. BROWN et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1641
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Application No.: 10/798,857	)	Examiner: C. L. Chin
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Filed: March 11, 2004	)	
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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING THE	)	Confirmation No.: 7179
PRESENCE OF A SINGLE TARGET	)	
NUCLEIC ACID IN A SAMPLE	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.